

## CURRENT COMMENT

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The Chicago convention—What a fine sight for American citizens!

Punishable men hobs up at the capitalists' conventions again. Meantime the capitalists' courts keep grinding!

The latest development in the International Socialist Society is the affiliation of a dentist's study chamber.

The Republican convention—what a spectacle! If Lincoln could have been brought to life to see it he'd have wanted to fall dead again.

A Socialist exchange says that there is some justice to be had from the courts, but hastens to add: "for those who have the money to pay for it."

The fact that clergymen were thick among the delegates to the recent national Socialist convention at Indianapolis is being pointed out as significant of the kind of people that are being attracted to our cause.

You can no more revolutionize human nature than you can turn iron into gold, says Father Vaughn. No one proposes to. But we do propose to give human nature a chance.

The heading of the new Inter-Mountain Worker of Salt Lake City can be seen on the bulletin of the Utah State Federation of Labor, the Socialist Party and the Federation of Labor, A. F. of L., of Salt Lake City. Evidently it believes in uniting the working class, not in splitting it up to help the capitalists.

More Socialist dreams coming true! The Philadelphia North American declares that Morgan has wrought in actuality the Titanic machinery of co-operation that Socialism will need when it assumes control. Also, it is adding the burdens of life by his manipulations and helping to make the Socialists who will conquer the future.

The New York Daily Volkszeitung, for years one of Socialism's best champions, has recently denounced the International Review for its vicious and misrepresenting report of the Indianapolis convention. It holds that the writer of this report is not an opponent but an enemy seeking to do organize the party with the red and yellow talk.

Anarchist labor radicals continue the bad habit of taking American east-offs. Just now they are very much taken with the direct action nonsense, and as effects follow cause and effect, the surprise is not that their papers carrying big advertisements of "Headquarters for Anarchist Literature," also filled with stuff of the American east-off variety, Emma Goldman and the rest.

Of all things! Austin Lewis, a leading socialist writer of the Kerr International Review, has withdrawn from the Socialist party and joined the I. W. W., on the ground that our party contains skilled mechanics, that their skill is their capital, and that therefore we are a party of capitalists. Ouch! Leonard Abbot of New York, has gone the entire course and joined the Emma Goldman crowd of Anarchists.

Pennsylvania's Leading Socialist Paper, the Morning Star, has changed, for it was only yesterday when the Keystone state had no Socialist papers at all. That they have multiplied so fast that claims to be better than the rest are heard, indicates the rapid growth of the movement in that state, even if it may also possibly indicate a too quickly started multiplicity of papers.

It appears that School Commissioner Breen of Lawrence, Mass., who was found guilty of planting dynamite in an effort to quell the strikers, not only put the explosive in the place first found, but in two other places, in each case putting the police on the track in the hope of implicating innocent men among the strikers. Now the suits of \$5,000 each have been brought against him, and his recall from the school board has been started.

The height of the ridiculous and the limit of impudence is reached in the very thought of a Theodore Roosevelt starting a Progressive party for the people. A radical party started by the man of all men most feared in this country as a possible "man on horseback" awaiting the psychological change to turn the nation into an empire! A party of honor started by a man who has no more regard for his word than an inmate of a feeble-minded institute or of a prison for long terms! An upright party started by a man who stamped the land in places trains provided by the enemies of the people! On every count he shows up as a trickster and a bully and a man potentially dangerous to the republic and to the people.

A hundred thousand men with emaciated minds cheered the speeches of Debs and Seidel at River-view park, Chicago, until it seemed as if the very stars in the sky must be jarred from their positions. Comrade Debs tells us that the same thing has spoken thus far there is the same intense, impassioned enthusiasm. Nothing like it has ever been seen in this country, for no old party event, however large, has the same genuine enthusiasm. It is a crucial year for the United States, the turning point year for so many voters that one can almost be prepared for any sort of news next November. In future histories of this year will appear as one of the most momentous in the nation's history. Are you alive to it? Are you thinking the fates that it is permitted you to be of it and to add yours to the cry for freedom that is going up?

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## Emil Seidel's Address at Great Chicago Meeting to Open Campaign

"Comrades, fellow workingmen and women:

"An unrest is stirring the country! What is this, that holds with us iron grip our fair land, our cities, our states? Like a weird nightmare it men in Italy, every man, woman and child, every human soul, every institution of our country, not excluding the most sacred. We write, we groan, we cry out in agony, we curse the spirit that is relieved on us. Nay, it bears heavier, it presses harder.

"It goes by many names. Some have called it the 'interests,' some 'big business,' some 'the trusts,' literary men have named it 'the rule of gold,' 'corporate wealth,' 'predatory wealth,' or 'the beast in the jungle.' Socialists call it 'capitalism,' the capitalist system, or briefly, 'the system.' Whatever you may choose to name it makes no difference. All these names stand for the same thing. We all mean this thing when we mention any one of these names. We all feel its many tentacles fastened upon us and snatching our very vitality, leaving us emaciated, crippled, maimed, the very incarnation of misery and helplessness.

Controls World's Finances.

"Its power is phenomenal—uncanny. It controls the world's finances. It can make or break, deal out penury or prosperity by giving or refusing credit. It controls the industries which it will operate only when it pays, and not otherwise. It controls parties and party platforms through donations to campaign funds. It has the power to govern, to legislate, to do its bidding; it stands legislators up against the wall and tells them what to vote for and what to vote against. (Witness the story told by Senator La Follette in a recent issue of the American Magazine.) Executives obey its orders; they fawn upon it and dare not offend it. Courts and juries dare not decide against it.

"If there is to be war, there is war; if there shall be peace there is peace.

form of some Wall street correspondence to the Washington Post, and is as follows: "A queer incident has happened. One of America's ablest international bankers, a power in the grand world, and a man of wide influence, has completely turned his political coat. He used to be a fervid opponent of Mr. Roosevelt—not without special reason in his case. Now he wants to make Roosevelt president. These are his reasons: Roosevelt is the only man in the United States to handle and guide the revolutionary spirit that has taken possession of the country. Elect a conservative president and the 'have nots' would be before long get beyond orderly control. The experience of Great Britain is a warning to America. The people must receive greater consideration and more generous treatment than in the past. If they do not get it, they are likely, sooner or later, to rise up and try to take it." See the point?

A Judge of Brooklyn, by the name of Fawcett, is now out with the statement that all of the close to 3,000 offenders against the law he has tried in five and half years not one was an active member of the church. This strikes one as rather strange declaration when it is a common article that many of our churches have so far become commercialized that some of the worst malefactors in the land can freely enroll themselves and still ply their crimes against the people. The money-changers that Jesus drove out of the temple are most of them try take the religious statistics of the inmates, and these figures, too, confute the Brooklyn judge, unless, indeed, he can crawl out by claiming that these people are not "active" members of the church. I heard before a table compiled from all these sources that show that for the penitentiaries of the United States and Canada, with some omitted because of no available statistics, the total of inmates professing Christianity is 12,494, with 512 Jews and Pagans 7, who move themselves agnostics, and 5,191 who profess no church affiliation. For New York, this Judge Fawcett's own state, it is shown that there are 12,24 Catholics and 835 Protestants in the three state prisons, but they must have avoided his court, somehow!

The Commission Government plan being pushed rather aggressively in Wisconsin by "influential" citizens, it seems advisable to consider it. It is like it has ever been seen in this country, for no old party event, however large, has the same genuine enthusiasm. It is a crucial year for the United States, the turning point year for so many voters that one can almost be prepared for any sort of news next November. In future histories of this year will appear as one of the most momentous in the nation's history. Are you alive to it? Are you thinking the fates that it is permitted you to be of it and to add yours to the cry for freedom that is going up?

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Bribes; Sends to Prison.

"It first bribes men and when found out sends these same men this way done its dirty work for it into the penitentiaries, leaving innocent wives and children destitute and disconsolate to live down the shame that their husbands and fathers have brought down upon them. But this thing goes free. It knows no shame—it cannot blush. AND UPON ALL ITS INIQUITY IT CAN COMMAND FROM THE THIRDS OF ECCLESIASTES THEIR BLESSING AND IS NOT REFUSED.

"Men have dared to rebel against it. Gov. Altgeld of Illinois has grappled with it in his state, and after a valiant struggle against its power went down under weight of slander, vilification and persecution. Mayor Johnson of Cleveland led a fight of years against it in his city. He had a strong physical constitution and its own behind him when he entered into the contest—both were gone when he finally died a broken-hearted man.

Destroys Movement.

"And so it destroys movements. In the eighties the Knights of Labor threatened its supremacy; the Knights of Labor must be destroyed—and they were. It matters not by what means. Fifteen years later the Populist movement threatened its ownership of the public utilities. The Populist movement must go—and so it did. And, again, ten years later, insurgency is threatening its control of our government. The edict is that insurgency must die. And today we hear the death rattle of insurgency echoing through the land.

"It has boundless howels and an insatiable appetite. It has swallowed all the franchises and privileges of our country and is craving more. It has devoured all the industries and commerce of our country and is not yet

satisfied. It has gulped down all the mines and mineral deposits and yet it looks for more. It has snapped up all the government lands and timber lands, and yet it wants more. It has fattened on our railroads and steam-hoof lines, our telegraphs and telephones, and now it proceeds to munch our water fronts, riparian rights and hold a steady job. This job that he needs to make a living with does not belong to him. There are others that are looking for the job that he holds. To hold it he must work for the same price that these others would work for. This is the condition that makes it extremely hard for him to get an increase in wages.

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"The cost of living has increased 60 per cent in the last 15 years. That means that the same amount of goods that cost \$1, 15 years ago will cost today \$1.60. Nor have we any assurance that it will not go higher. How about wages? Yes, they have increased also. But the growth has not been so rapid as that of the cost of living. Wages have increased on an average only 20 per cent in the same 15 years. That means that where a man received \$1 for a given amount of work 15 years ago, he now receives \$1.20. The cost of living has increased three times as fast as the wages have increased. That means that a workingman's family must get along with 25 per cent less today than it did 15 years ago, or better, the STANDARD OF LIVING HAS DECREASED 25 PER CENT IN 15 YEARS.

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"In the industries, individualism or the one man, work has made place for collectively work. What was ours today suffering from is the collective ownership by a few. This ill cannot be remedied in any other way than the ownership of all COLLECTIVELY FOR ALL IS THE SERUM THAT WILL AGAIN HEAL THE SOCIAL BODY. Anything short of that is only quackery. The evils of our day will only disappear in the proportion in which we inject into our economic re-

water powers. And forever it is stalking through our land like a roaring lion seeking whom and what else it might devour. The end is not yet.

What Is Its Effect?

"How does all this affect the people? The father that earns the





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**FOR PRESIDENT**  
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**OF WISCONSIN**

**CLEVELAND, O., June 21.**—Earnings under 3-cent fares for May by the Cleveland Railroad company were the highest in its history. The report submitted to the directors on Saturday showed an actual surplus of \$32,000. The book surplus was \$34,000. A small deficit had been expected. The highest previous earnings of the line in a single month was an actual surplus of \$14,000, made in March. The book surplus that month was only \$23,000. In April there was an actual deficit of \$23,000 and a book deficit of \$26,000. May earnings indicate that the 3-cent fare is assured for the rest of the year. The instant fund now stands at \$440,000.

**Syndicalist Tactics**  
(Continued from 3d page.)

deal in the proletarian movement, especially on the political field. They show the forces at hand, and demonstrate the determination and the courage of the participants, especially, if resistance is to be overcome. Street demonstrations that show a powerful strength encourage greatly the adherents of the proletarian cause, and fill the opponents with respect and even with fear. However, we must not overrate the effect of street manifestations. As long as the ruling class has confidence in the power of the government, they will not be intimidated through street manifestations, be they ever so powerful, not to mention street rioting. It is different with the small bourgeois, who live amongst the workers. The captain of industry, residing in the aristocratic quarter, who does not know his men even by sight, is supremely indifferent to riots in the working men's quarters. What matters it to him, whether workers and soldiers fight? With the small dealer and artisan the aspect is different. A riot endangers his life and property. The atmosphere of hatred is around him, and if police and soldiers interfere, he is likely to get the worst of it. He mixes with the proletarians in shops and saloons, so does his wife and child in other places, where neither police nor militia is able to protect him. The proletariat of the modern and well organized industries use the great street manifestation, which requires discipline and

**To Spread the Gospel of Emancipation**

**PLAN NATIONAL EMANCIPATION DAY**  
**HOLDING 5,000 MEETINGS SIMULTANEOUSLY**  
Campaign Manager Barnes has placed before the national campaign committee a plan to hold a National Campaign of Emancipation day during the presidential struggle, with the 5,000 party branches of the Socialist party simultaneously holding 5,000 different campaign meetings on the same day all over the land. The date of this special day has not yet been determined but may be set before the committee here finishes its session. It is thought that plans can be made to get the economic organizations of labor especially interested in this plan.

**CHICAGO, Illinois.**—Plans for the distribution of 37,000,000 pieces of literature by 800 volunteer distributors over the nation in the pending Socialist campaign is one of the matters that National Campaign Manager J. Mahlon Barnes has put before the national campaign committee in session here.

Campaign Manager Barnes is enthusiastic in outlining his ideas on this subject and hopes to make it one of the big features of the Socialist presidential struggle. "My idea is to send out a call for 800 volunteer distributors," says Barnes, "persons who can afford to take a vacation of from two weeks to three months; the campaign committee guaranteeing them only enough to meet their expenses from day to day." Two of these distributors would be assigned to each congressional district to distribute campaign literature and Socialist literature catalogues. From the latter orders for literature should arise, the same being credited to the respective districts, from the profits of which our distributors should receive additional remuneration. "I have figured out at least 27,000,000 pieces of literature can thus be distributed." The interest that is being taken in the Socialist campaign and in the recent election in Indianapolis is shown in the number of requests being received, by Barnes relative to the past vote of the Socialist party, the party platform and the manner in which it carried on its work. These requests for information come from colleges and universities throughout the land, from magazines and newspapers. This would indicate that the various avenues of publicity and education are determined to keep in close touch with activity of the work of the Socialist party in this year's campaign.

**Hel'en Keller a Socialist**

**SCHENECTADY, N. Y., June 21.**—Mayor Lunn's action in reserving a position on his personally created board of public welfare for Miss Helen Keller has aroused deep interest here. Miss Keller is expected to arrive in the fall and take up a permanent residence here with her lifelong teacher, companion and friend, Mrs. John Macey, wife of the private secretary to Mayor Lunn. They are now residing at Wrentham, Mass., the Macey home.

Two months ago Mayor Lunn organized his welfare board for the purpose of considering questions not falling under the jurisdiction of any regularly constituted municipal department, such as tenement conditions, playgrounds, etc. On May 1 a member of the welfare board, a writer, accepted the appointment left vacant by the resignation of Walter Lippman as the mayor's private secretary. It was after Macey assumed his duties that Mayor Lunn, whose private innovations have almost turned Schenectady upside down, conceived the idea of asking the blind and deaf woman to accept a position on the board.

**Fitted for Work.** "Miss Keller's opinions would be extremely valuable to the board," said Mayor Lunn today. "The board has to do mainly with the welfare of the people, and I think Miss Keller is specially fitted, and, indeed, should devote her life to just this kind of work." "Can Miss Keller hold converse with a number of persons, such as would be demanded of her as a member of the welfare board?" was asked of Mr. Macey. "Certainly. She was a member of the Massachusetts state committee for the blind for a year and a half," he said. "It wouldn't be necessary for my wife to be present at all, if

somebody would talk to her in the sign language. Mrs. Macey has been her teacher for 25 years, and they have never been separated for more than a week at a time. Mayor Lunn himself would be speaking to Miss Keller as to the welfare of the people, and I think Miss Keller is specially fitted, and, indeed, should devote her life to just this kind of work." "Can Miss Keller hold converse with a number of persons, such as would be demanded of her as a member of the welfare board?" was asked of Mr. Macey. "Certainly. She was a member of the Massachusetts state committee for the blind for a year and a half," he said. "It wouldn't be necessary for my wife to be present at all, if

**Debs' Opening Speech at Chicago**

"Friends, Comrades and Fellow Workers: "We are today entering upon a national campaign of the profoundest interest to the working class and the country. In this campaign there are but two parties and but one issue. There is no longer even the pretense of difference between the so-called Republican and Democratic parties. They are substantially one in what they stand for. They are opposed to each other on no question of principle but purely in a contest for the spoils of office. "To the workers of the country these two parties in name are one in fact. They are, rather, it stands for capitalism, for the private ownership of the means of subsistence, for the exploitation of the workers, and for wage-slavery. "Both of these old capitalist class machines are going to pieces. Having outlived their time they have become corrupt and worse than useless and present a spectacle of political degeneracy never witnessed in this or any other country. Both are torn by dissension and rife with disintegration. The evolution of the forces underlying them is tearing them from their foundations and sweeping them to inevitable destruction. "Love for Country. "How far have we, the workers, succeeded in getting laws favorable to our interests? When and where could we command sufficient respect of our power to compel courts and judges to define the constitution to mean what it did not mean? When did we ever show upon the RED, WHITE and BLUE? "They say that we do not love our country or its institutions. We must assume that they would have us believe that they are the reason that they have manipulated the legislatures to aid them in gaining possession of the industries, the mines and mineral deposits, the timber and forests, the riparian rights of our water fronts and the water power of our streams? "Is it the love for our country that compels them to sell a portion of it every time they sell a ton of steel or cargo of coal? "Was it love of our country that let them sell embalmers to be fed to our brave soldier boys when they were on the battlefield fighting for what they held to be the cause of their country? Was it love for the country that let them sell to our country the steel plate for our navy? "Where have we ever cheated our country like that? Where have we ever placed in jeopardy our country in its most trying hours of war? "Is Badge of Servility. "How can any intelligent, self-respecting wage-worker give his support to either of these corrupt capitalist parties? The emblem of a capitalist party on a workman's badge is the badge of his ignorance, his servility and shame. "Marched in battle array against these corrupt capitalist parties is the young, virile, revolutionary Socialist party, the party of the awakening working class, whose red banners, inscribed with the inspiring motto of class-conscious solidarity, proclaim Socialism and the emancipation of the workers of the world. "Contrast these two political forces and you will see through which these forces find concrete expression. On the one side are the trusts, the corporations, the banks, the railroads, the plutocrats, the politicians, the bribe-givers, the ballot-box stuffers, the repeaters, the parasites, retainers and job-hunters of all descriptions; the corruption funds, the fifth, sixth and debauchery of ruling class politics; the press and pulpit and college, wearing capitalist collar, and all in concert applauding its 'patriotism' and glorifying its plundering and profligate regime. "On the other side are the workers and producers of the nation coming to consciousness of their interests and their power as a class, filled with the spirit of solidarity and thrilled with the new-born power that throbs within them; scorning further affiliation with the parties that so long used them to their own degradation and looking trustfully to themselves and to each other for relief from oppression and for emancipation from the power which has so long enslaved them. "Prejudice Melts Away. "The message of Socialism, which, a few years ago, was spurned by these people, falls today upon eager ears and receptive minds. Their prejudice has melted away. They are now prepared to cast their fortunes with the only political party that proposes a change of system and a new order of things that has a right to appeal to the intelligence of the people. "The political beginning of the Socialist party in this country is now distinctly recognized even by its most implacable enemies. A single Socialist congressman has been sufficient to arouse the whole nation to the vital issues of Socialism which confronts it. Victor L. Berger as the first and until now the only representative of labor, has had the power, single-handed and alone, to compel the respectful consideration of the American congress, for the first time in its history, of the rights and interests of the working class. To be sure, the capitalists do not relish this and, as they have consolidated Republican and Democratic forces in Berger's district to defeat him, but the rising tide of Socialism will overwhelm them both and not only triumphantly re-elect Berger but a score of others to make the next congress resound with the demands of the working class. "Now is the time for the workers of this nation to develop and assert their political as well as their economic power, to demonstrate their unity and solidarity. "Press is Vital Factor. "The press of the party is the most vital factor in its educational propaganda and the workers are everywhere being aroused to the necessity of building up a working class press to champion their cause and to discuss current issues from their point of view for the enlightenment of the masses. "Comrades and friends, the campaign before us gives us our supreme opportunity to reach the American people. They have but to know the true meaning of Socialism to accept its philosophy and the true mission of the Socialist party to give it their support. Let us all unite as we never have before to place the issue of Socialism squarely before the masses. For years they have been deceived, misled and betrayed, and they are now hungering for the true gospel of relief and the true message of emancipation. "This is our year in the United States. Socialism is in the very air we breathe. It is the grandest abolith that ever inspired men and women to action in this world. In the horizon of labor it shines as a new risen sun and it is the hope of all humanity. "Onward, comrades, onward in the struggle for the triumph of Socialism, proclaim an Emancipated Race and a New World!"

**Is This a Glorious Civilization?**  
By R. A. DAGEE.  
(Written for The Herald.)  
We are often told by the rich and well-to-do people that this is a glorious Christian civilization and that no one has any good cause for complaint in these United States especially, and that the unemployed are lazy or are poor because they are extravagant, or spend their money for strong drink, but it is not true. Our industrial system of competition under which cheating and dishonesty of all sorts and oppressive monopolies flourish, is the cause of unmeasured poverty and distress. A writer in the "Vanguard" said: "I have known (not heard, but known) eight girls to rent a room together, live through a cold winter without a fire, with no method of cooking except an oil stove, sleep on the floor because they could not buy furniture, go to bed week in and week out without undressing because they had not sufficient bedding to keep them warm, and live nearly three months on corn meal mush without milk, molasses or anything to make it palatable. All this that they might retain the one thing left to them—honor." There are thousands of women in the sweat shops of New York, who are

making shirts at six cents each, and tens of thousands of pale, tender girls working like abject slaves in cold damp basements and dark attics, ruining their eyesight and wrecking their health toiling for cruel taskmasters for a mere pittance. A steady stream of these girls, from necessity to eat, is constantly flowing into the hells of infamy of the great cities. In London it is worse. Thousands of men, women and children now in London sleep on park benches, in doorways, on the ground in back alleys—anywhere they can lie down and they live from swill barrels and scraps of fruit they can pick up on the streets while the nobility who never earned a dollar, but who have robbed the working people, live in a splendor that eclipses the extravagance of the kings of ancient Babylon. On the one hand we see the very rich, arrogant, self-righteous and profoundly selfish, thinking God that they are so prosperous and so wealthy. They gamble on Wall street; they water-stocks; they monopolize food stuffs and all the means of production; they live by usury and extortion; they grind the faces of the poor; they enslave little children in their factories and mines; they reduce the wages of their employees to the lowest possible amount; they reap where they have not sown and gather where they have not earned, and then in blazing diamonds and elegant apparel, with uplifted heads, and with scorn on their lips for the exploited poor, they go to their elegant church pews to thank God that they enjoy such manifold blessings, and to listen with gratifying approval to the flattery of a minister whom they pay to ease their consciences. The industrial system which pours into the laps of a few shrewd schemers vast mountains of wealth, while working people suffer and perish, must give place to a juster system. Socialism would establish a Co-operative Commonwealth under which such inequalities as those above mentioned could not exist. I hope every boy and girl who reads this will do all they can to bring about the triumph of Socialism, so that we may have a genuine civilization instead of a bogus one. "Socialism is writ large in letters of fire over earth and sky. It would be as easy to turn the planets backward in their course as to stay this mighty movement and prevent its final consummation."—The Rev. G. G. Hamilton.

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**OUR YOUNG FOLKS**

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walk, returning to the scow shortly after sundown. The captain was still ashore so Gus put Hans in a berth and waited for him. About midnight he came considerably the worse for liquor and Gus had quite a time quieting him and getting him in his bunk. The cabin of the Milton was a rather primitive one. It was about eight by fourteen feet with a cook stove in the forward end, a table in the middle and three berths or bunks for the crew on each side so that there was sleeping room for six. The bunks or berths were alike so many shelves one on top of the other. Hans was awakened next morning at 6 o'clock by the noise of the men throwing cord-wood from the dock on to the deck, and as he had gone to sleep in his clothes, that is with his pants and shirt on, he was on deck in a jiffy. When Gus saw him he gave him a bucket and told him to go to a pump farther up the dock and get some water to make coffee, because the water in the harbor was not clean. When Hans came back he helped Gus get breakfast, set the table and afterwards when breakfast was over wash the dishes. It was a fine day and as the crew of the Milton had nothing to do with the loading of the cordwood, Gus told Hans to come along and both went forward on the forecastle where there was a little hatch that when opened disclosed a small room or space where the spare sails were kept. Hans helped Gus haul out several sails and Gus took a stowaway that needed repairing. The roping near the rigging where the sheets are hooked in, was torn and several seams had been ripped. Gus and Hans took the sail all on to the roof of the cabin, where they were out of the way of the men loading. Gus got some twine, wax, sail needles and a palm, together with a sort of bench to sit on and then began to mend the stowaway. When he was well started he cut off a good piece from his plug, shoved it into his mouth and began to talk to Hans. "Now Hans," he said, "you must not think of being a sailor yet. You see you are still too young and you must go to school some more. Why you are only ten years old and have got much to learn and then when you want to be a sailor you must not begin here on the lakes. Because here you will never be a real sailor. You must go to the sea, to the salt water and then you should go in the navy and become an officer. Why, a boy like you who is born in America has a big chance. You can perhaps be admiral some day."

**CHAPTER X.**  
The Story Gus Told.  
"Now when I was a little boy like you in the Black Forest, my father had a big farm and also used to deal in timber," said the sailor. "He used to buy up the pine trees from the other farmers and when these were felled they would haul them to the river Kinzig and then the logs would be floated down to the big Rhine. Here they would build big rafts out of the logs and then they would go down the Rhine often as far as Holland for you must know the tough pines from the Black Forest make good masts and spars. Sometimes my father would go to

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**Bad One on Hanford!**

**SPOKANE, Wash., June 20.**—By a vote of 2 to 1 the Spokane Bar association today is on record as refusing to pass a resolution expressing sympathy for United States Judge Hanford of Seattle, against whom an impeachment indictment has been filed, following his action in revoking the naturalization papers of Leonard Olson, and whose official acts are to be investigated by a congressional committee. Eighty lawyers were present.  
**TACOMA, Wash., June 21.**—United on the ground that they had been obtained by fraud. The case figured motion for a rehearing in the case of Leonard Olson, the Socialist, whose naturalization papers were revoked by Congressman Berger for the impeachment of Judge Hanford.

**Have You Had Enough?**

The price of eggs goes up—the price of labor stays the same. Have you had enough?  
The price of rent goes up—the salary remains the same. Have you had enough?  
Two million babies of the poor at work in the brutal shambles of the rich. Eight childless females of the idle rich giving a \$10,000 dinner party to eight pampered poodle dogs. Have you had enough?  
Industrial workers fighting in San Diego for their constitutional right of free speech—beaten with clubs, falsely imprisoned in filthy inhuman jails, driven from home, tortured to the point of death by relentless vigilantes. Have you had enough?  
Christian Catholic girls in Kalamazoo begging for better wages; testifying in court that they have been compelled to organize not only to protect themselves from wages that will not permit them to live decent lives, but to protect themselves from the lustful assaults of human brutes of foremen in the corset works where they were employed.  
These girls—with prayers to a Christian God upon their lips—neglected by church and state, beaten by the police, thrown into jail. Have you had enough?  
If you have—come over to us. Help us to abolish the curse of capitalism; drive its black soul back to hell where it belongs—help us inaugurate a better system, a better way, a higher civilization.  
**READ THE LEADER.** Join us in our battle.  
**BOOST THE LEADER.** It is our greatest weapon. It will be our greatest bulwark.  
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**The Builders' Column**  
By A. W. Mance

**Spread the Light**

They say that Teddy Roosevelt is stealing the Socialist Thunder. Thunder is only an after-effect of lightning. It is the light that Socialist papers, speakers and agitators have been spreading in every city, town and village and at the country cross roads and along rural delivery routes that is causing the thunder you hear from Chicago, while the Republican party is splitting to pieces.  
**LIGHT VS. NOISE.**  
Let Teddy make all the noise he desires. It is your mission and mine to shed the light so the average man can see what is going on. Flood your locality with The Social-Democratic Herald. Let your neighbors know where the campaign funds of the old party politicians came from. Then ask them who they think the old party politicians will serve when they are elected.

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**DO IT NOW.**  
Now is the time for all true Socialist workers to get busy. Don't wait until the campaign starts and the old party spell-binders get in their work of confusing the minds of the toilers with talk on tariff and other tommy-rot.

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**SELL THOSE SUBSCRIPTION CARDS.**  
Sell those four subscription cards sent you lately and get that \$1.25 in here if you have not already done so.  
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